Implementation Matrix for USDA Wood Packing Materials Rule

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
September 16, 2005-January 31, 2006	February 1, 2006-July 4, 2006	Beginning July 5, 2006
Informed Compliance via account managers and notices posted in cargo with noncompliant WPM	Enforcement of requirement for violative crates and pallets via re-exportation Informed Compliance via account managers and notices posted in cargo with other types of noncompliant WPM	Full enforcement on all types of WPM

Wood Packaging Material found to be infested with pests is outside the scope of the phase-in implementation. If pests are detected, established safeguarding and/or treatment will be used to mitigate the pest risk.

Once a pest threat has been eliminated, WPM enforcement will be applied.